

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the following sentence to the paragraph found on page 4, starting at line 18 as follows:

Extending parallel to the feeding device for the enclosures or sets of enclosures and alongside the feeding device is an envelope-conveying device that is generally designated by 5 in Fig. 1. The envelope-conveying device 5 connects to an envelope-separating arrangement 6 in which from an envelope pack consisting of envelopes inserted standing on edge, a sequence of separated envelopes is created in a way known in the art. The envelope-conveying device 5 accepts this sequence of separated envelopes and transports them lying flat essentially in a horizontal plane to a group of endless, circulating driving belts 7 that are guided over track rollers and driven rollers. The envelope-conveying device 5 receives the envelopes from the envelope-separating arrangement 6 in a state in which the envelope flaps are already open. ~~In one embodiment, envelope-separating arrangement 6 includes an envelope-flap opening device.~~ In the first section of the envelope-conveying device 5, the conveyed envelopes are still gripped relatively tightly between the top strands of the driving belts 7 and pressing rollers or pressing rolls prestressed against them from above, while with further progress of the envelopes in the direction of arrow P2 shown in Fig. 1, this gripping becomes looser, which can be achieved by progressively less prestress by the pressing rolls, for example.